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KC WOMAN INDICTED FOR PRODUCING, PASSING COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiracy to manufacture and pass counterfeit currency.

Annie J. Baker, 23, of Kansas City, was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Baker** conspired to create counterfeit currency between September and October 2003. The indictment alleges that **Baker** conspired to use a computer scanner, a personal computer, an inkjet printer and paper cutters to produce counterfeit currency in denominations of \$50, \$20 and \$10 bills. Once manufactured, the indictment alleges, **Baker** sold, traded or transferred the counterfeit currency.

The indictment alleges that **Baker** conspired with others to manufacture at least \$2,850 in counterfeit currency and that she passed \$130 worth of counterfeit currency in October 2003 at the Worlds of Fun amusement park in Kansas City.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Baker** fraudulently possessed electronic images of \$50, \$20 and \$10 bills between September and October 2003.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Baker** passed counterfeit \$50, \$20 and \$10 bills between September and October 2003.

Count Four of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Baker** to forfeit to the government any property used during the course of the conspiracy, including a Hypertech computer, an Epson Stylus Photo 2200 color printer, an Epson Perfection 3170 photo scanner, a GBC Classic Cut CL300 paper cutter, a Fiskar paper cutter and numerous pieces of

paper, some bearing images of Alexander Hamilton.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel M. Nelson. The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service.

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